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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE

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1. IN TOUR D'HORIZON WITH CHARGE NOV. 11 ON ANGOLA, MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS LOME LAID OUT AN OBVIOUSLY PREPARED AND OFFICIAL VERSION OF TOGOLESE POLICY:

A) TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CREATION GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA INVOLVING ALL MOVEMENTS. GOT BELIEVES THIS IS A REALISTIC POLICY BECAUSE EVEN IF ONE MOVEMENT WERE TO WIN MILITARILY IT WOULD HAVE TO COMPROMISE WITH OTHER TWO TO WIN ACCEPTANCE BY THEIR SUPPORTERS. GOT HAS RECEIVED REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL THREE MOVEMENTS AND HAS EXPLAINED ITS POSITION TO EACH IN THE SAME TERMS.

B) TOGO UNDERSTANDS MAJORITY OF AFRICAN STATES TAKE A POSITION SIMILAR TO THEIRS. UNFORTUNATELY SOME AFRICANS HAVE FAVORITES AMONG THE MOVEMENTS. THIS OPENS THE DOOR TO UNWELCOME NON-AFRICAN INFLUENCES AND HARMS EFFORT TO GET ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS TO COOPERATE. ONLY NON-AFRICANS COULD PROFIT FROM DISARRAY OF ANGOLANS.

C. SPEAKING "PERSONALLY", LARRE PREDICTED MILITARY STALEMATE
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WHICH WOULD FORCE RIVAL MOVEMENTS TO ACCEPT POLITICAL

COMPROMISE.

CHARGE USED OCCASION TO BRIEF LARRE, WHO TOOK NOTES ON
ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN REF A.

2. TOGO-PRESSE CARRIED RARE EDITORIAL NOV. 12 WHICH DEPLORED
"AGONY" OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE AND DANGER OF "CONGOLIZATION".
THRUST OF EDITORIAL IS THACCIDENTALS AND OREINTALS ARE
TRYING TO DESTROY ANGOLA BECAUSE IT IS RICH. ONLY NEO-COLO-
NIALISTS OF EAST AND WEST PROFIT FROM THE DIVISIONS OF
ANGOLA INTO RIVAL CAMPS.

3. TOGO-PRESSE CARRIED FRONT PAGE REUTER STORY ON ANGOLA
WHICH INCLUDED VIVID ACCOUNT OF UGANDAN-USSR RUPTURE.
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